

## BRIEFER ARTICLES.

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### BRASSICA JUNCEA.

DR. ROBINSON'S note on page 252 of the September GAZETTE, recording the rapid dissemination of *Brassica juncea* in the eastern states, recalls the fact that this species is a common inhabitant of gardens. It is known as a pot-herb, and is variously called Chinese broad-leaved mustard, brown mustard, and Chinese mustard. A somewhat full account of this and related oriental brassicas, which are now cultivated in this country, is given in Bulletin 67 of the Cornell Experiment Station ("Some recent Chinese vegetables"), with illustrations. It is now a question whether these naturalized plants are introductions of the weedy *Brassica juncea* from the Old World, or whether they are spontaneous derivatives from the garden forms. A study of the plants in the field could no doubt settle this question.—  
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### NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES OF EUPHRASIA.

IN preparing my monograph of the genus *Euphrasia*<sup>1</sup> I tried to make clear the extremely polymorphic forms which are to be found in North America. In this connection I wish to correct an error in one of the maps of the memoir, caused by a very unfortunate mistake, and one which I did not observe in the proof. I can distinguish three species of the genus *Euphrasia* in North America, as follows:

1. *E. Americana* Wettst. Near to the European *E. nemorosa* Pers., and as yet known only from eastern Canada.

2. *E. latifolia* Pursh. Distributed throughout the arctic regions of Asia and Europe, throughout Greenland, and extending into Cumberland and eastern Labrador.

3. *E. Oakesii* Wettst. A most distinct form, which as yet has been

<sup>1</sup> Monographie der Gattung *Euphrasia*. 4to, pp. 316, pl. 14. Leipzig, Engelmann, 1896.